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(By The Associated Press.)
Chicago, July 29 (by the Associated Press.)—Both freight and pas-

enger traffic on western lines having headquarters in Chicago are practically unaffected by the shopmen's strike, said a statement issued tonight by the western president's committee on public relations of the Association of Railway Executives. More than 7,100 shop-

"Freight traffic demands are being met currently and passenger trains are being operated normally with but slight delays," said the statement. "All of the roads report increases in the number of men at

The Santa Fe system was said to have 10,201 men at work, or approximately 57 per cent of the normal force, and the Illinois Central reported 10,462 men at work in its shops.

Recruiting a New Force.
Hale Holden, president of the

Burlington road, in a statement said that the road's shops at West Burlington had begun to turn out repaired locomotives and that the number of bad orders were had been

number of bad order cars had been reduced during the last week. He said "fine progress" was being made

in recruiting a new shop force which he added now includes 6,510

men of whom 3,353 have been added during the strike. Additions to the

shop force, he said, numbered 250 to 325 daily.

"We have commenced turning engines out of our shops at West Burlington," said his statement.

"Our operation continues on practically a normal basis. There

is no congestion of freight, and same is being moved promptly.

Loaded cars on our rails in bad order are less in number than in June, the month preceding the

June, the month preceding the strike and the percentage of bad order cars on the system has been

reduced during the past week. From July 1 to July 27 inclusive cars

loaded at points on the line including those received from our con-

nctions indicate an increase of 12 per cent over the corresponding period of last year."

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San Francisco, July 27.—The striking railroad shopmen in the west are willing to return to work